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Franklin County

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Chair of the Board of Supervisors
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Report on Financial Statements and Federal Single Audit

Please find attached our annual report on the Franklin Conservation District's financial statements and compliance with federal laws and regulations.

We are issuing this report now in order to provide information on the District's financial condition.

In addition to this work, we look at other areas of our audit clients' operations for compliance with state laws and regulations. The results of that review will be included in our accountability audit report, which will be issued separately.

Sincerely,

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BRIAN SONNTAG, CGFM
STATE AUDITOR

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Federal Summary

Franklin Conservation District Franklin County January 1, 2001 through December 31, 2001

The results of our audit of the Franklin Conservation District are summarized below in accordance with U.S. Office of Management and Budget Circular A-133.

- We issued an unqualified opinion on the District's financial statements.
- We noted no instances of noncompliance that were material to the financial statements of the District.
- We issued an unqualified opinion on the District's compliance with requirements applicable to its major federal program.
- We reported no findings, which are required to be disclosed under OMB Circular A-133.
- The dollar threshold used to distinguish between Type A and Type B programs, as prescribed by OMB Circular A-133, was \$300,000.
- The District did not qualify as a low-risk auditee under OMB Circular A-133.
- The following was a major program during the period under audit:

<u>CFDA No.</u>	<u>Program Title</u>
66.606	Environmental Protection Agency

Independent Auditor's Report on Compliance and Internal Control over Financial Reporting in Accordance with Government Auditing Standards

Franklin Conservation District Franklin County January 1, 2001 through December 31, 2001

Chair of the Board of Supervisors
Franklin Conservation District
Pasco, Washington

We have audited the financial statements of the Franklin Conservation District, Franklin County, Washington, as of and for the year ended December 31, 2001, and have issued our report thereon dated August 20, 2002. We conducted our audit in accordance with generally accepted auditing standards and the standards applicable to financial audits contained in *Government Auditing Standards*, issued by the Comptroller General of the United States.

COMPLIANCE

As part of obtaining reasonable assurance about whether the District's financial statements are free of material misstatements, we performed tests of the District's compliance with certain provisions of laws, regulations, contracts and grants, noncompliance with which could have a direct and material effect on the determination of financial statement amounts. Our responsibility is to examine, on a test basis, evidence about the District's compliance with those requirements and to make a reasonable effort to identify any instances of misfeasance, malfeasance or nonfeasance in office on the part of any public officer or employee and to report any such instance to the management of the District and to the Attorney General. However, the objective of our audit of the financial statements was not to provide an opinion on overall compliance with these provisions. Accordingly, we do not express such an opinion.

The results of our tests disclosed no instances of material noncompliance that are required to be reported herein under *Government Auditing Standards*.

INTERNAL CONTROL OVER FINANCIAL REPORTING

In planning and performing our audit, we considered the District's internal control over financial reporting in order to determine our auditing procedures for the purpose of expressing our opinion on the financial statements and not to provide an opinion on the internal control over financial reporting.

Our consideration of the internal control over financial reporting would not necessarily disclose all matters in the internal control over financial reporting that might be material weaknesses. A material weakness is a condition in which the design or operation of one or more of the internal control components does not reduce to a relatively low level the risk that misstatements in amounts that would be material in relation to the financial statements being audited may occur and not be detected within a timely period by employees in the normal course of performing their assigned functions. We noted no matters involving the internal control over financial reporting and its operation that we consider to be material weaknesses.

This report is intended for the information of the audit committee, management, the Chair of the Board of Supervisors, and federal awarding agencies and pass-through entities. However, this report is a matter of public record and its distribution is not limited. It also serves to disseminate information to the public as a reporting tool to help citizens assess government operations.

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BRIAN SONNTAG, CGFM
STATE AUDITOR

August 20, 2002

Independent Auditor's Report on Compliance with Requirements Applicable to each Major Program and Internal Control over Compliance in Accordance with OMB Circular A-133

**Franklin Conservation District
Franklin County
January 1, 2001 through December 31, 2001**

Chair of the Board of Supervisors
Franklin Conservation District
Pasco, Washington

COMPLIANCE

We have audited the compliance of the Franklin Conservation District, Franklin County, Washington, with the types of compliance requirements described in the U.S. Office of Management and Budget (OMB) Circular A-133 *Compliance Supplement* that are applicable to its major federal program for the year ended December 31, 2001. The District's major federal program is identified in the Federal Summary. Compliance with the requirements of laws, regulations, contracts and grants applicable to its major federal program is the responsibility of the District's management. Our responsibility is to express an opinion on the District's compliance based on our audit.

We conducted our audit of compliance in accordance with generally accepted auditing standards; the standards applicable to financial audits contained in *Government Auditing Standards*, issued by the Comptroller General of the United States; and OMB Circular A-133, *Audits of States, Local Governments, and Non-Profit Organizations*. Those standards and OMB Circular A-133 require that we plan and perform the audit to obtain reasonable assurance about whether noncompliance with the types of compliance requirements referred to above that could have a direct and material effect on a major federal program occurred. An audit includes examining, on a test basis, evidence about the District's compliance with those requirements and performing such other procedures as we considered necessary in the circumstances. We believe that our audit provides a reasonable basis for our opinion. Our audit does not provide a legal determination on the District's compliance with those requirements.

In our opinion, the District complied, in all material respects, with the requirements referred to above that are applicable to its major federal program for the year ended December 31, 2001.

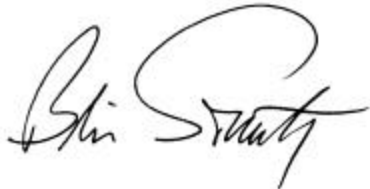
INTERNAL CONTROL OVER COMPLIANCE

The management of the District is responsible for establishing and maintaining effective internal control over compliance with requirements of laws, regulations, contracts and grants applicable to federal programs. In planning and performing our audit, we considered the District's internal control over compliance with requirements that could have a direct and material effect on a major federal program in order to determine our auditing procedures for the purpose of expressing our opinion on compliance and to test and report on internal control over compliance in accordance with OMB Circular A-133.

Our consideration of the internal control over compliance would not necessarily disclose all matters in the internal control that might be material weaknesses. A material weakness is a condition in which the design or operation of one or more of the internal control components does not reduce to a relatively low

level the risk that noncompliance with applicable requirements of laws, regulations, contracts and grants that would be material in relation to a major federal program being audited may occur and not be detected within a timely period by employees in the normal course of performing their assigned functions. We noted no matters involving the internal control over compliance and its operation that we consider to be material weaknesses.

This report is intended for the information of the audit committee, management, the Chair of the Board of Supervisors, and federal awarding agencies and pass-through entities. However, this report is a matter of public record and its distribution is not limited. It also serves to disseminate information to the public as a reporting tool to help citizens assess government operations.

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BRIAN SONNTAG, CGFM
STATE AUDITOR

August 20, 2002

Independent Auditor's Report on Financial Statements

Franklin Conservation District Franklin County January 1, 2001 through December 31, 2001

Chair of the Board of Supervisors
Franklin Conservation District
Pasco, Washington

We have audited the accompanying financial statements of the Franklin Conservation District, Franklin County, Washington, for the year ended December 31, 2001. These financial statements are the responsibility of the District's management. Our responsibility is to express an opinion on these financial statements based on our audit.

We conducted our audit in accordance with auditing standards generally accepted in the United States of America and the standards applicable to financial audits contained in *Government Auditing Standards*, issued by the Comptroller General of the United States. Those standards require that we plan and perform the audit to obtain reasonable assurance about whether the financial statements are free of material misstatements. An audit includes examining, on a test basis, evidence supporting the amounts and disclosures in the financial statements. An audit also includes assessing the accounting principles used and significant estimates made by management, as well as evaluating the overall financial statement presentation. We believe that our audit provides a reasonable basis for our opinion.

As described in Note 1 to the financial statements, the District prepares its financial statements on the cash basis of accounting that demonstrates compliance with Washington State statutes and the *Budgeting, Accounting and Reporting System* (BARS) manual prescribed by the State Auditor, which is a comprehensive basis of accounting other than generally accepted accounting principles.

In our opinion, the financial statements referred to above present fairly, in all material respects, the recognized revenues and expenditures of the funds of the Franklin Conservation District for the year ended December 31, 2001, on the cash basis of accounting described in Note 1.

In accordance with *Government Auditing Standards*, we have also issued our report dated August 20, 2002, on our consideration of the District's internal control structure over financial reporting and our tests of its compliance with certain provisions of laws, regulations, contracts and grants. That report is an integral part of an audit performed in accordance with *Government Auditing Standards* and should be read in conjunction with this report in considering the results of our audit.

Our audit was performed for the purpose of forming an opinion on the financial statements taken as a whole. The accompanying Schedule of Expenditures of Federal Awards is presented for purposes of additional analysis as required by U.S. Office of Management and Budget Circular A-133, *Audits of States, Local Governments, and Non-Profit Organizations*. This schedule is not a required part of the financial

statements. Such information has been subjected to the auditing procedures applied in the audit of the financial statements and, in our opinion, is fairly presented, in all material respects, in relation to the financial statements taken as a whole.

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August 20, 2002

Financial Statements

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January 1, 2001 through December 31, 2001**

FINANCIAL STATEMENTS

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